

Sinclair Broadcasting's edict to their 62 local stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a reprehensible use of media power and abuse of public airwaves. Biased, self-serving and political maneuvering and bullying clearly ignores the legal mandate to serve the public interest inherent within broadcasters' rights to use free public airwaves.

American people cannot be served within their communities by corporate interests that dictate what we see on local stations. Media consolidation has not served or been in the best interests of the public.

Media ownership rules must be strengthened to protect American viewers, most of whom have no effective means or resources to challenge the information received over corporate airwaves.

The FCC has a weighty obligation to protect the interests of American viewers and the health of our democracy. Without responsible use of media there can be no democracy. Thank you.